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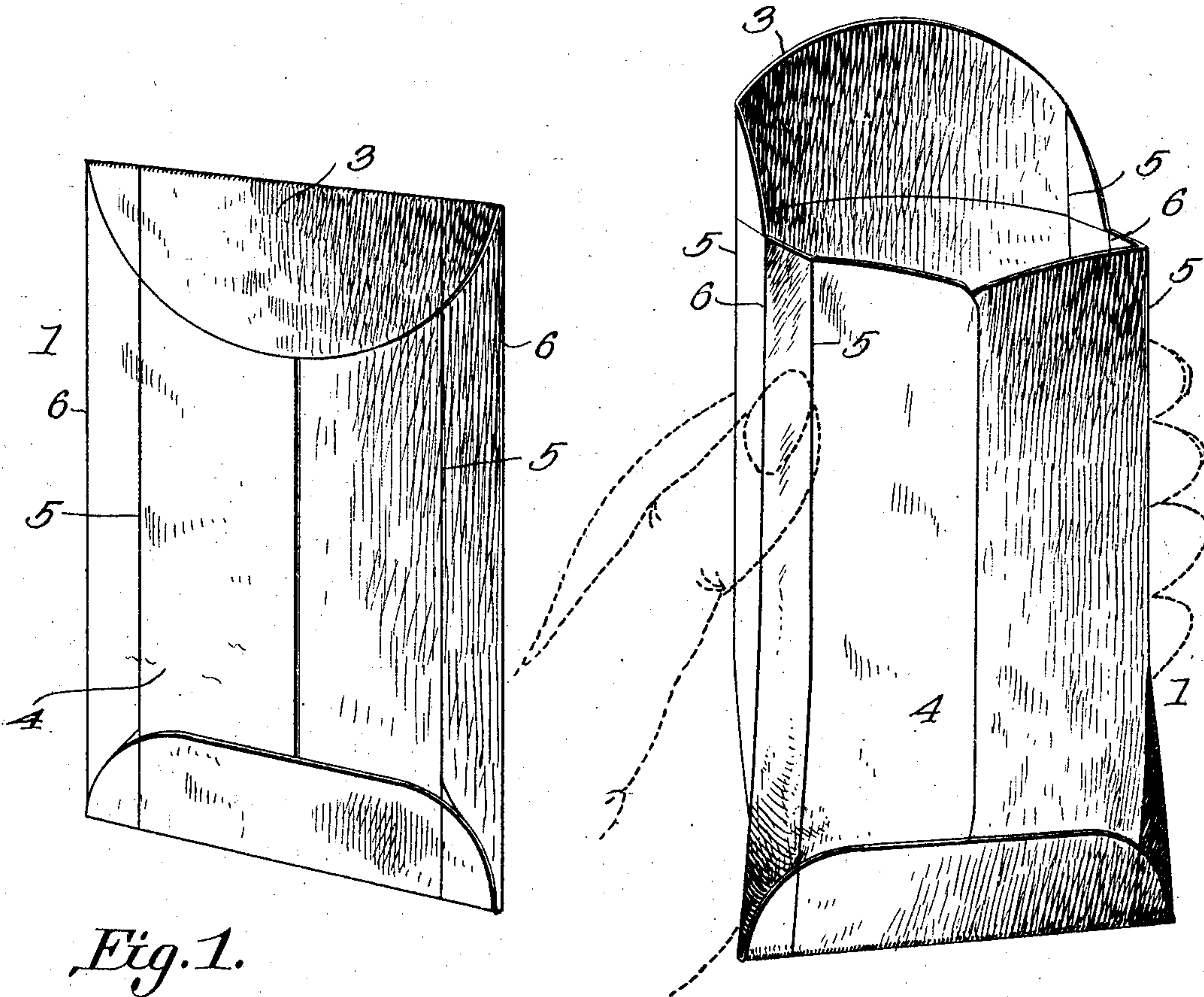


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

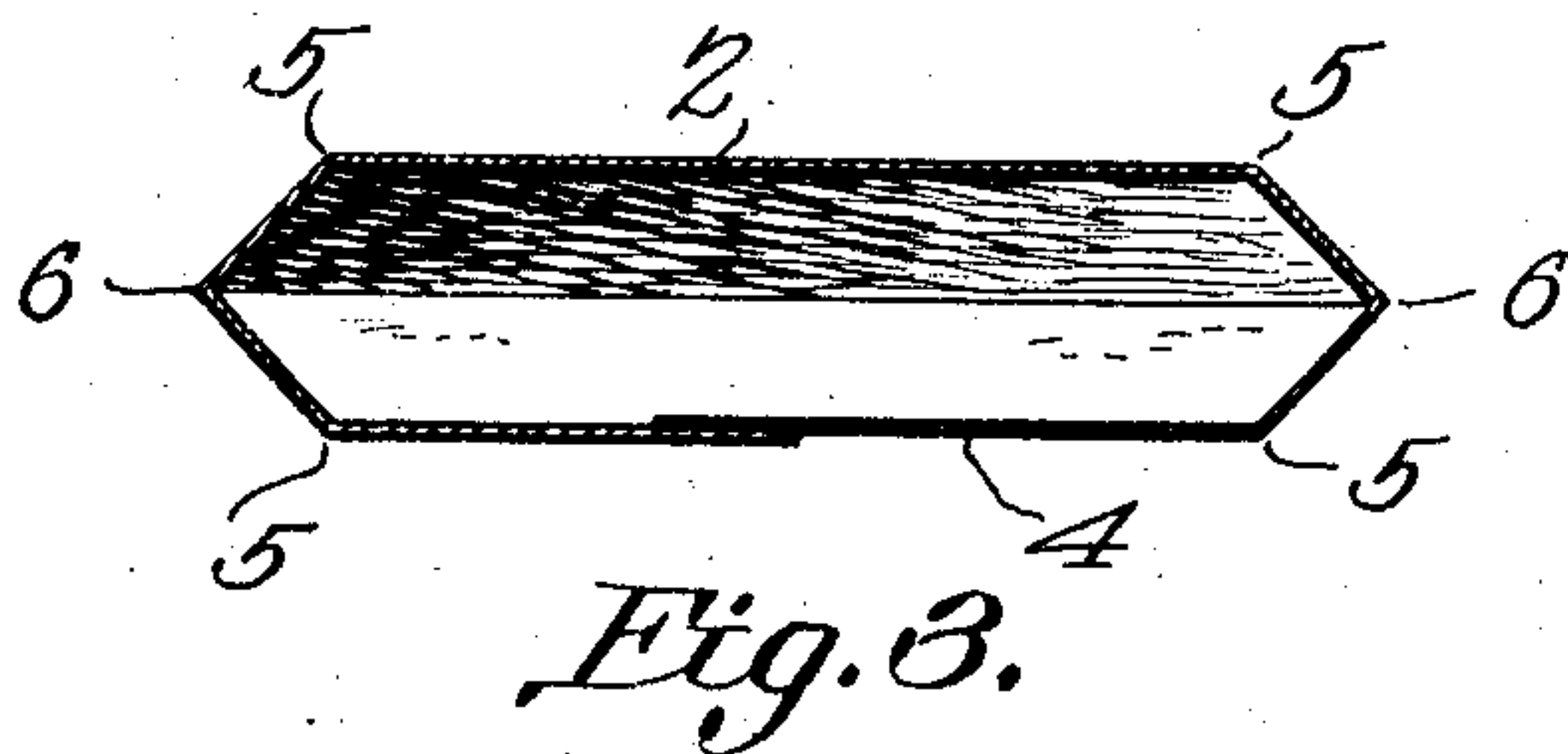


Fig. 3.

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## ENVELOP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. ORMSBEE, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Kaukauna, in the county of Outagamie and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Envelop, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved envelop, particularly designed for use as a pay-envelop, and has for its object to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device of this character adapted to automatically open when pressure is applied to the side walls thereof, so as to facilitate the introduction and removal of the contents of the same.

A further object of the invention is to form the envelop with longitudinally-disposed creases or folds extending parallel with the side walls thereof, so that when pressure is applied laterally to the envelop the mouth thereof will expand, and be held in the distended position and when the pressure is removed cause the envelop to assume its normal shape.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an envelop constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the envelop compressed and the mouth thereof distended. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of Fig. 2.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates the envelop of the usual form and construction, preferably rectangular in shape, as shown, and formed of paper, linen, or other suitable material. The front wall 2 is preferably extended to form an end flap 3, adapted to close the mouth of the envelop, said flap being gummed in the process of man-

ufacture or left ungummed, as desired. The front and rear walls 2 and 4 are formed with longitudinally-disposed folds or creases 5, extending parallel with the side edges 6 of the envelop and spaced a short distance therefrom to form side sections, as shown, said folds or crease being formed in the envelop either before or after the blank is folded. The creases or folds 5 preferably extend the entire length of the envelop, including the flap 3, so that when pressure is applied laterally to the side walls thereof the edges 6 will be forced inwardly, spacing the front and rear walls of the envelop and permitting the ready introduction or removal of the contents thereof, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

In practice, the envelop is grasped between the thumb and fingers and compressed edgewise, which expands the mouth of the envelop and automatically raises the flap 3, thereby permitting the bank-notes, bills, or other papers to be readily inserted therein, after which the envelop may be sealed in the ordinary manner by pasting or otherwise affixing the end flap to the front wall of the envelop.

By having the creases formed in the end flap, as well as the body of the envelop, it permits the mouth of the envelop to present a substantially rectangular opening when the side walls are compressed without tearing or otherwise injuring the flap or envelop.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An envelop having its front and rear walls and closing-flap longitudinally scored to permit said walls to expand and thereby automatically raise the closing-flap when the longitudinal edges of the envelop are compressed laterally.

2. An envelop having its front and rear walls longitudinally scored, one of said walls being extended to form a closing-flap similarly scored to thereby permit the flap to automatically raise and present a substantially rectangular and unobstructed opening at the mouth of the envelop when the longitudinal edges of the envelop are compressed laterally.

3. An envelop having its front and rear walls

scored longitudinally on lines parallel with the edges of the envelop and forming side sections, one of the walls being extended to form a closing-flap adapted to automatically  
5 raise when pressure is applied laterally to the side sections.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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